

OLD SCHOOL "MO"

When Diggers become incorrigible and fines and minor punishments do not have the effect of curbing their misdemeanors severer punishment must be inflicted. Usual sentence is 14 or 28 days at Bendigo, which means that the soldier is imprisoned in a special portion of Bendigo Gaol for the term of his sentence. One dose of Bendigo is usually sufficient.

At Albury some months ago five or six of the lads who had received 28 days and had returned to their unit had certainly not lost their sense of humour.

They commenced to grow little "mo's" and when of the n.c.o.'s asked: "What's the strong of the growth on the top lip?" their naive answer was: "We're old Bendigonians."

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QUERY.

Does a pilot ever complain when he has a fly in his soup?

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UPLIFHTING.

Corporal of Engineers had given a comprehensive lecture on defensive work to a squad of seemingly deeply-interested sappers.

Turning to one bright-looking lad, he said:

"And now you might tell us what a breastwork is!"

"A brassiere, Corporal," said the bloke.

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DECEIVING.

Troopsship was passing through the Mediterranean, and in the distance could be seen a big snow-capped mountain.

"What's that I can see in the distance?" "Blue" asked one of the ship's officers.

"That's Greece," the officer told him.

"Cripes," "Blue" replied, "from here you'd swear it was snow."



"He isn't supposed to drink while in uniform."

"Observer"

LONG, LONG TRAIL.

Anzac Day and the time 2.30 p.m.

Each sporting the A.I.F. badge and sundry medals, they boarded the back smoking compartment of the tram at Hunter street. Taller of the two gazed longingly at the empty driver's cabin and remarked to his mate: "I wish they'd 'ire me that sleepin' compartment!"

"Blimey, Brownie," reproved his cobbler, "you mus' be gettin' old! I've marched as far as you to-day."

For a second or two Brownie looked at his friend.

"No, 'Dark,'" he said solemnly, "before I met you I'd been three times over Belgium and France—yeah three times—an' even if it was with me finger in froth on a bar counter it's flamin' good travellin'," he added defiantly.

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ULTRA.

The modern young man rarely takes an intrest in girls or horses—unless they display form.

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News heading: "Germany Tightens Her Belt." This should make Goering throw out his chest.

AT BARDIA.

A few minutes after the hoisting of the white flag when we took Bardia, stretcher-bearers were hard at working doing dressings, etc., in an outlying post. We were all too busy to indulge in humour of any sort. Then word came through that another post a few hundred yards away contained some wounded "Iti's."

No one seemed to know if they were armed, or looking for trouble, so one of the bearers, whose squad had been detailed to go over and see what was doing, asked the Sgt., who is a deaf sort of a cove at times, for an "armed guard. His answer broke the tension completely.

"Sorry, boys, I left it back in my overcoat pocket."

He thought the request was for his S.B.'s arm-band.

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Military leader states than "Australian factories can't produce munitions like rabbits out of a hat." But they can produce a hat out of rabbits.

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News heading: "Father and Four Sons Enlist." The daddy of them all.